formulation of M/s. Infar based on Metaclopromide under DPCO, 1979 and 1987 and at what price each was sold on 15th May, 1990;

(c) whether it is a fact that the company is only producing price decontrolled drugs;

(d) if so, the names of the price decontrolled drugs licensed to M/s. Infar and the capacity sanctioned for each; and

(e) since when the company is not reporting the production of Betamethasone, Dexamethasone and Prednisolone and what action has been taken by his Ministry against the company?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) As per information available from the company production of Metaclopromide was started in 1988-89. The company produced 50 Kgs. in 1988-89 and 206 Kgs. in 1989-90.

(b) Details about the prices fixed for Metaclopromide based formulations under DPCO, 1979/1987 for M/s. Infar Ltd. are being ascertained.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Details of industrial approvals, such as names of companies, drugs licenced and capacities, issued from time to time are published regularly by India Investment Centre in their monthly newsletter copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(e) Of the referred drugs the company is licensed to produce Dexamethasone and Prednisone only. Both these drugs are not being produced by M/s. Infar. No action under law can be taken against a company for not producing a particular drug

Prices of finished medicines based on imported drugs

378. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 713 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import prices of all 50 drugs are much lower than the indigenous prices;

(b) whether it is a fact that the imports of these drugs are much more than the indigenous production;

(c) whether his Ministry has taken the average landed cost of import or indigenous price for working the consumer price of finished medicines based on these drugs; and

(d) what is the policy in this regard and how does that safeguard the interests of consumers?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) A statement giving information to the extent available in respect of domestic production, imports, import prices and indigenous prices is attached. In several instances import prices are more than indigenous prices. [*See* Appendix CLIV Annexure No. 95]

(c) The prices of formulations are based on the indigenous price of bulk drug in respect of formulators who also produce bulk drug whereas in case of other formulators the prices of formulations have been based on either the indigenous notified price or the purchase price.

(d) In order to ensure that the consumer gets the benefit formulation prices would be based on the indigenous price or the purchase price of bulk whichever is lower.

Taking over of sick units by State Government in Tamil Nadu

*379 SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of industrial